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## Cuban Crisis

To The News and Courier:

I should like to commend you for your editorial Oct. 23 ("Crisis in Cuba"). It was well presented and carefully thought out. I agree most wholeheartedly with your position.

More than just your fine paper have suggested that the present so-called "Cuban Crisis" was a political maneuver. With only two weeks to go before a general election and with obvious discontent and opposition to the hand played by our administration (displayed wherever Kennedy went on his political tour), the only result could be to take a firm stand on such a burning issue as the communist buildup in Cuba.

Slightly less than two years ago, the build-up was reported by vari-

ous elements of news media. There was no mention made as to the relative offensive or defensive nature of this build-up. It was reported that missile bases were being constructed, that missiles were being unloaded at Cuban ports, and technicians were being welcomed. If the press (with no CIA or secret service) could report these facts, it seems obvious that such facts would be available to our administration. There were many voices across the land warning of the eventual outcome of these developments and urging strong action.

A rapid build-up? Ask a building contractor how long it would take to build something of the magnitude of a missile base. They are not thrown up overnight from a pre-fab kit.

From now until after Nov. 6, the American people shall be treated to scenes of troop movements, ship and airplane movements, reports of foreign impressions of our action — all overlaid with a heavy blanket of verbiage emanating from the U.N., building in New York. Denunciations and contradictions shall pour from this "Tower of Babel" until we are thoroughly confused.

Never should we allow ourselves to get into the position of not criticizing our government in its actions, nor should we allow ourselves to be so callous as to not support America in a time of crisis, whether she be right or wrong.

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